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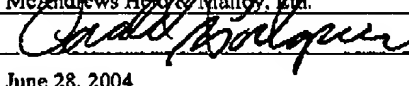
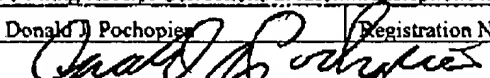
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Serial No.: 09/722,205

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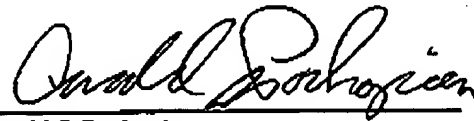
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REQUEST FOR A CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT

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Sir:

The Applicants first request that the "Domestic Priority Data" on the attached Official Filing Receipt of 04/15/03 (Exhibit A) be corrected to reflect the domestic priority data that was claimed in the amendment to the Official Action of 07/07/03 (Exhibit B), which claim of priority was approved in the Official Action of 02/18/04 at page 2 (Exhibit C).

Specifically, please correct the "Domestic Priority data" on page 1 of the Official Filing Receipt by adding the following claim of priority and inserting in its place the following claim of priority:

THIS APPLICATION IS A DIV OF 09/701,933, 08/20/2001
WHICH IS A 371 NATIONAL STAGE OF INT PCT/US98/177769, 08/27/1998
WHICH IS A CIP OF 08/920,630, 08/27/1997 ABN

In addition, the Applicants have filed by mail on 06/18/04 a **Second Request for Revocation of the powers of attorney and appointment of new attorneys.** [Exhibit D]. The original [Exhibit E], as attached thereto, was filed on 09/18/02. The Reply Post Card [Exhibit F], having a date stamp by the PTO of 09/23/02, reflects that the document was received by the Patent Office but was but was never acted upon by the Patent Office. In accordance with the **first** and **second** filings of the Revocation of Power of Attorney and the Appointment of New Attorneys, please update the top of page 1 of the Official Filing Receipt by deleting the name of the prior attorneys of record and inserting in their place the following:

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For these reasons, a corrected filing receipt is in order and respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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EXHIBIT A


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Applicant(s)

Jamie M. Grooms, Gainesville, FL;
 Kevin C. Carter, Gainesville, FL;
 Tom Sander, Alachua, FL;
 David H. Dulebohn, Naples, FL;

Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

Foreign Applications

If Required, Foreign Filing License Granted: 03/27/2001

This application is a DIV of 09/701,933 08/20/2001
 which is a 371 National Stage of INT PCT/4598/17769
 08/27/1998
 which is a CIP of ~~4554~~ 08/920,630 08/27/1997 ABN

Projected Publication Date: None, application is not eligible for pre-grant publication

Non-Publication Request: No

Early Publication Request: No

Title

Intervertebral spacers

Preliminary Class

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Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, 5.11 & 5.15**

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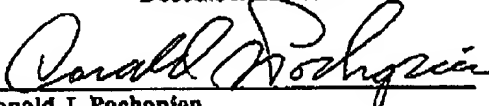
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of 07/07/03, for which a response was due 10/07/03, now extended two (2) months to 12/07/03, the Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner make the following amendments to the specification and the claims in addition to considering the Applicants' election of invention.

Amendments to the Specification:

At the top of page 1 of the specification, immediately below the title, please delete the paragraph inserted in the Second Preliminary Amendment of 04/10/03, and insert the following substitute paragraph:

This application is a ~~continuation~~ division of USSN 09/701,933, filed 08/20/01, now pending, which is ~~the~~ a 371 National Stage of International Application No. PCT/US98/17769, filed 08/27/1998, which is a continuation-in-part of USSN 08/920,630, filed 08/27/1997, now abandoned.

Delete the paragraph at page 3, lines 21-22 and substitute therefore the following paragraph:

Figures 12-17 show final profiles for implants produced according to the alternate method of figures 10 and 11. Fig. 12E show an embodiment of the implant of Fig. 12A formed from two stacked components. Fig. 12F show an embodiment of the implant of Fig. 12A formed from two components in juxtaposition.

EXHIBIT C

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DETAILED ACTION

Priority

The priority as claimed is approved. It is noted that the elected species shown figures 12A-12D is not supported in USSN 08/920,630, therefore the earliest date is the filing date of the PCT/US98/17769.

Election/Restrictions

Claims 46-51, 58-59, 63-64 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected species, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse in Paper No. 18.

Regarding claims 46-51 and 63-64, the elected embodiment is constructed by an alternate method of production to produce unitary implants and not assembled, stacked, joined, etc. See specification page 19, lines 20 et seq.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 45 and 52-64 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Regarding claim 45, line 6, "said surface" is ambiguous to which surface.

Regarding claim 45, "angling toward the anterior end" is not understood.

Regarding claim 45, does "angling toward the anterior end" describe all three, projections, ribbing, and teeth; or just one teeth?

EXHIBIT D

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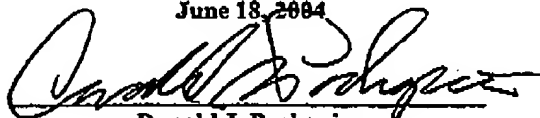
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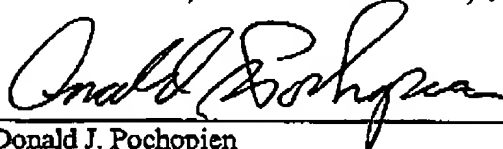
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Respectfully submitted,

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EXHIBIT E

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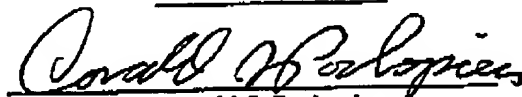
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the address and telephone number of each of whom is McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Ltd., 500 West Madison Street, 34th Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60661, 312-775-8000, as its attorneys, with full power of substitution and revocation concerning this patent and to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith; and it is hereby requested that all correspondence from the Patent and Trademark Office concerning this application be addressed to:

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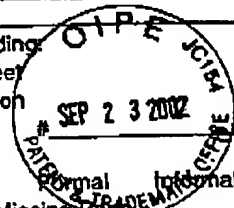
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